

Baltimore Police Department

MEDAL DAY 2001



Medal of Honor



Legion of Merit



Medal of Valor



Silver Star



Bronze Star



*Distinguished
Service Award*



Commendation



*Life Saving
Award*



Unit Citation



*1968 Riot
Ribbon*



*Eastern District
Initiative*

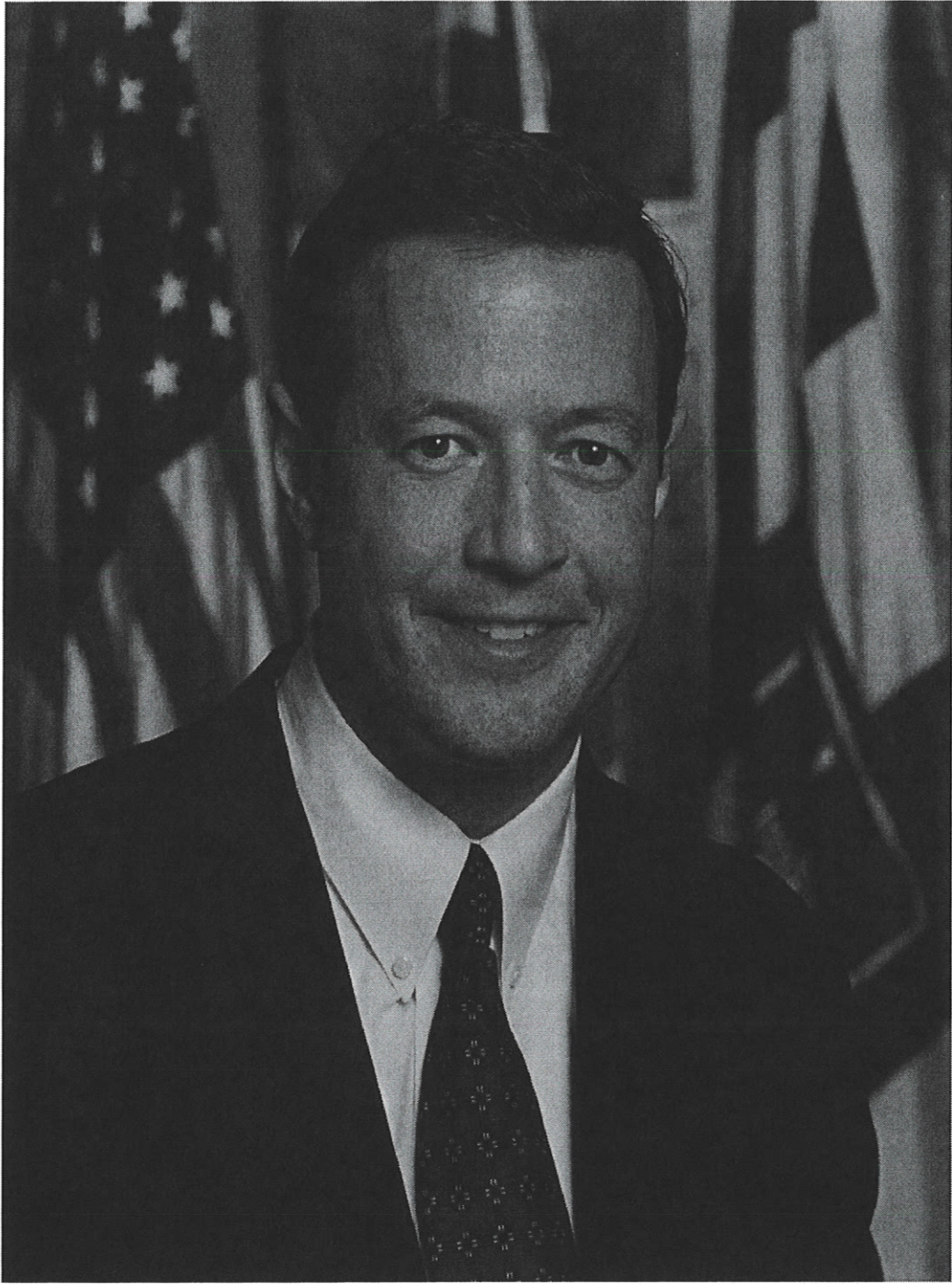


*Special Service
Commendation*

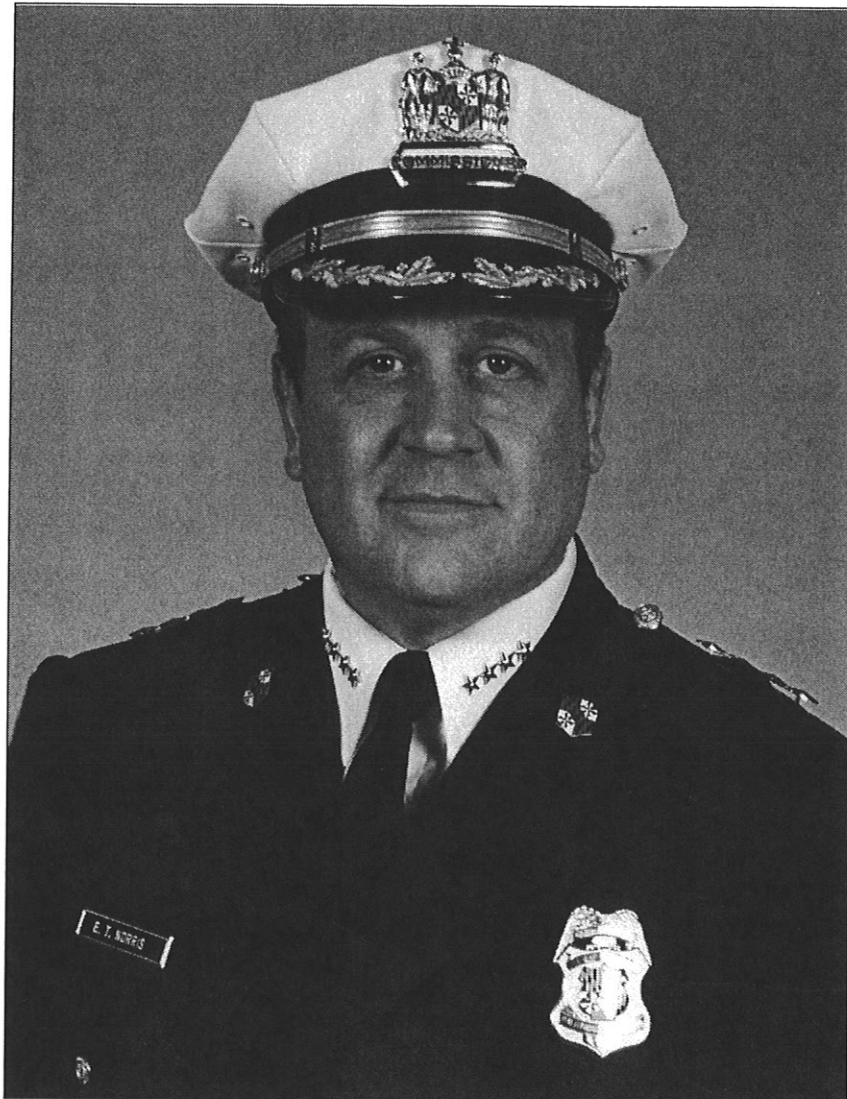
April 12, 2001

War Memorial Building

Fayette and Gay Streets, Baltimore, Maryland



Mayor Martin O'Malley



Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris

The Baltimore Police Department has made significant strides over the last year in the reduction of violent crime in the city. Tragically, our crime-fighting success has cost the agency, city, families, and fellow officers the lives of five of Baltimore's finest. Officer Jamie Roussey, Officer Kevon Gavin, Sergeant John Platt, Officer Kevin McCarthy, and Agent Michael Cowdery, Jr. all paid the ultimate sacrifice protecting the city they loved.

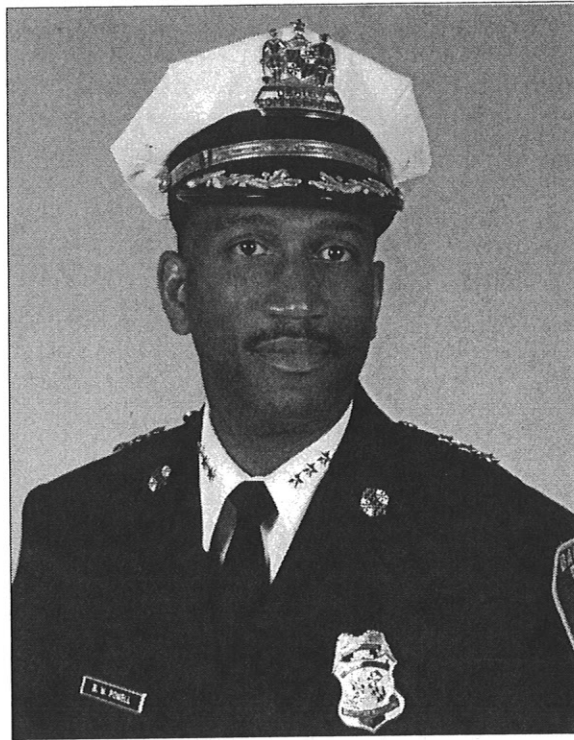
Notably, the law enforcement profession is one that places the lives of the dedicated men and women around the world, who choose it, in dangerous situations each and every day. These courageous men and women perform their jobs with integrity, professionalism and bravery, knowing that when they leave for work, they may never return home to their families. They choose this profession in spite of the danger so the citizens they serve can live and work without fear.

Those honored in the ceremony this evening have demonstrated extreme courage; in several cases, they have paid the ultimate sacrifice. We owe it to them and their families to acknowledge their commitment and bravery as well as to honor their lives and memory.

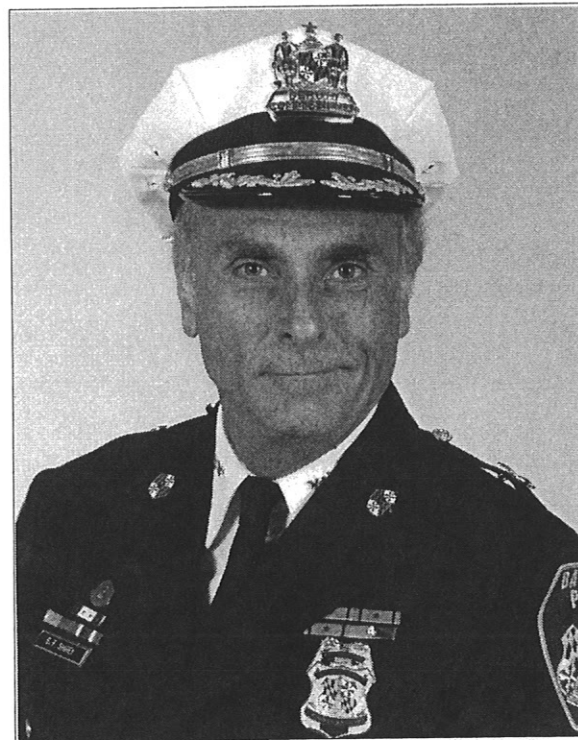
Sincerely ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward T. Norris".

Edward T. Norris
Police Commissioner



Deputy Commissioner Barry W. Powell
Operations Bureau



Deputy Commissioner Bert Shirey
Administration Bureau

Command Staff



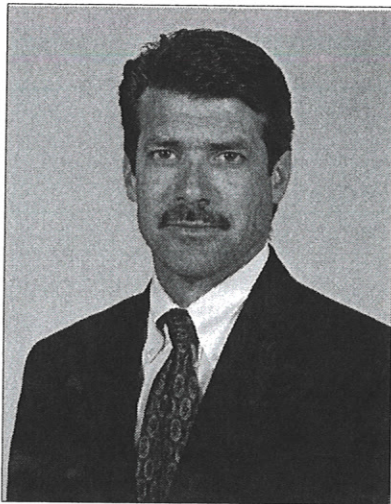
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Eastern District

Western District

Northwestern District

Program

Processional

Presentation of Colors - Baltimore Police Department Color Guard

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Reverend Robert Douglas

Presiding

Major Stanford O. Franklin

Director, Education and Training Section

Welcome

Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris

Remarks

Mayor Martin O'Malley

Presentations

Police Commissioner Edward T. Norris

Benediction

Reverend Robert Douglas

Recessional

*Following the Commendation Ceremony,
the Police Commissioner cordially invites family, friends and guests to join him for refreshments.*

Medal of Honor



**POLICE OFFICER
JAMIE ALLEN ROUSSEY
WESTERN DISTRICT**

February 16, 1978 – March 8, 2000

Even as a little boy Officer Jamie Allen Roussey dreamed of becoming a Baltimore Police Officer. Most importantly, he wanted to serve the citizens of Baltimore City. He always wanted to work in the Western District where his father, Sergeant Frederick V. Roussey, began his law enforcement career twenty years ago. As a youngster, Jamie accompanied his father to the Western District. From these experiences, Jamie knew he would follow in his father's footsteps and become a police officer in the Western. Tragically, after just one year on the job, the bright and promising career of this gentle young man - only 22 years of age - came to an end.

On Wednesday, March 8, 2000, Jamie was scheduled to be off, but he worked because of his sincere love for his job and his dedication to duty. During Jamie's brief career he had already developed a reputation in the neighborhoods he served as a kind and compassionate police officer. Children in the area affectionately referred to him as "Officer Jamie." On that un-seasonably warm March evening, just after 5:30 P.M., "Officer Jamie" was in a corner store with several children he knew from the neighborhood. He was buying potato chips when he heard an urgent call come over his police radio from a fellow officer requesting assistance. Jamie quickly left the store, throwing some dollar bills on the counter and telling the store clerk, "If there's any change, give it to the kids." Moments later while responding to the call, Jamie was involved in a serious traffic accident at Fayette Street and North Fulton Avenue. He was taken to University of Maryland Shock Trauma where, despite the heroic efforts of medical personnel, he succumbed to his injuries.

Officer Jamie Roussey made the ultimate sacrifice by giving his own life responding to the aid of a fellow officer and is therefore awarded the Medal of Honor.

Medal of Honor



**SERGEANT
JOHN DAVID PLATT
NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT**

December 5, 1964 - October 14, 2000

On Saturday, October 14, 2000, all of our lives were forever changed. Shortly before 7:30 P.M., Sergeant John Platt and Officer Kevin McCarthy were in their marked patrol vehicle in the Sector 2 corridor of the Northeastern District. Officer Kevin McCarthy was driving a 1998 Crown Victoria traveling eastbound on Glenmore Avenue when a drunk driver ran the stop sign at Glenmore and Alta Avenues. The suspect's truck struck and totaled the police vehicle. Sergeant Platt was rushed to Johns Hopkins Bayview and Officer McCarthy was rushed to Good Samaritan Hospital. Tragically, both succumbed to their injuries despite the efforts of emergency and medical personnel.

Sergeant John Platt was thirty-five years old. He joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1983 as a police cadet, working in the Communications Division. After graduating from the police academy, he was assigned to the Northeastern District, where he worked for 11 years until he was promoted to Sergeant on June 13, 1997. As a Sergeant, John worked in the Northwestern and Northeastern Districts. He and his wife, Laurie, also made Northeast Baltimore their home, with their children, John, Jr. and Rachel.

Medal of Honor



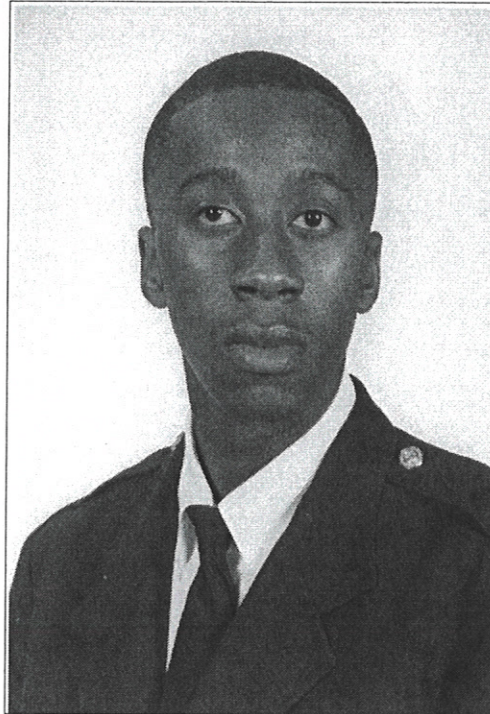
**POLICE OFFICER
KEVIN JOSEPH McCARTHY
NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT**

January 7, 1964 - October 14, 2000

Officer Kevin McCarthy was thirty-six years old and had been a member of the Baltimore Police Department since 1985. Kevin spent his entire policing career in the Northeastern District working various assignments. He was well known within the community, and everyone who knew him could attest that he was meticulous especially when it came to keeping his police car clean. Deputy Commissioner Elbert F. Shirey worked with Kevin and Sergeant John Platt when he was the commander of the Northeastern District. He said, "If another officer would bring it [the patrol car] back with a ding or with it trashed, he [Kevin] would get on them."

Kevin lived in the Fullerton neighborhood with his daughter, Jessica and his mother, Catherine. He recently moved there from Perry Hall to help his mom after his father's death. Sergeant John Platt and Officer Kevin McCarthy made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the citizens of Baltimore. Their service honored the department, and they are therefore awarded the Medal of Honor.

Medal of Honor and Citation Of Valor



**POLICE OFFICER
KEVON MALIK GAVIN, SR.
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT**

October 17, 1972 -April 21, 2000

Officer Kevon Malik Gavin wanted to make a difference. He lived his life in pursuit of that goal. As a young man growing up on the streets of Brooklyn, New York, he had the faith and perseverance to succeed, while having a positive effect on everyone he came in contact with. Officer Gavin always took time out to interact with youth because he felt he could make a difference in their lives.

On April 20th, a cool, clear evening, Officer Gavin responded to Pulaski Street and Wilkens Avenue in reference to calls for a shooting. The suspect was seen fleeing the area in a Ford SUV after shooting an 18-year old. In the 1500 block of West Lombard Street, Officer Gavin heroically attempted to use his marked police vehicle to divert the speeding suspect vehicle and lessen the danger to citizens. The suspect opted not to go around Kevon's cruiser; instead he crashed into Kevon's patrol car at high speed, trapping Kevon inside. Kevon was rushed to University of Maryland's Shock Trauma after fellow officers and citizens assisted the fire department rescue teams in frantic efforts to free him from the demolished patrol vehicle.

Tragically, on Good Friday, April 21, 2000, Officer Kevon Malik Gavin, who was only twenty-seven years old, succumbed to his injuries. Office Kevon Gavin made the ultimate sacrifice by giving his own life in order to shield citizens from imminent danger and is therefore awarded the Medal of Honor.

Medal of Honor and Citation of Valor



**POLICE AGENT
MICHAEL JOSEPH COWDERY, JR.
NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT / EASTERN DISTRICT TASK FORCE**

July 30, 1969 – March 12, 2001

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Medal of Honor and Citation of Valor



**POLICE OFFICER
RONALD A. BEVERLY
NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT / EASTERN DISTRICT TASK FORCE**

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Medal of Honor and Citation of Valor



**POLICE OFFICER
ANTHONY R. MOLESKY
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT**

On March 26, 2001 at 12:22 A.M., Officer Kurt Nagl observed a Lincoln Towncar illegally parked on Highland Avenue at Foster Avenue. Officer Nagl approached the vehicle and observed five people inside. Officer Nagl also noticed that the right rear vent window on the vehicle was broken. He then checked the vehicle on his mobile workstation and discovered that the vehicle had been reported stolen.

At this time back-up units were dispatched to Officer Nagl's position. After the arrival of officers Daugherty, Ckyouu, Molesky, and Landry, the occupants of the vehicle were removed one at a time and handcuffed. Upon removing one of the suspects from the vehicle, the suspect immediately rushed officers Daugherty and Molesky, striking Officer Daugherty on the chin. Both officers violently struggled with the suspect in an attempt to bring him under control. The suspect then pulled a .44 caliber 8-inch barreled revolver from his waistband and fired, striking Officer Molesky once in each leg.

The suspect fled on foot toward Foster Avenue, pointing his handgun at the pursuing officers. Fearing for their own safety and knowing that the suspect had no reservations about shooting a uniformed police officer, the pursuing officers fired at and struck the suspect. The suspect fell to the ground with his gun still in his hand. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Officer Molesky was transported to University of Maryland Hospital's Shock Trauma Center. Officer Molesky's service distinguished himself showing courage and judgment and therefore is awarded the Medal of Honor and Citation of Valor.

Silver Star for Valor



**POLICE OFFICER
CHRISTOPHER FALLER
WESTERN DISTRICT**



**POLICE OFFICER
TIMOTHY STACH
NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT**

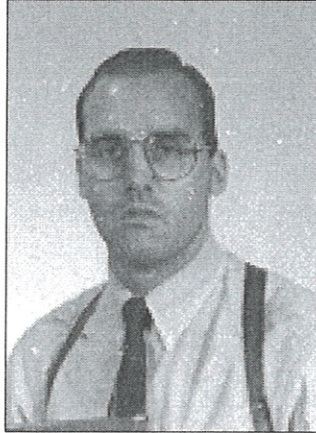
On the night of January 14, 2000, two attempts were made on the life of Western District Officer Christopher Faller. The violent confrontation spanned seven blocks and ended after an exchange of gunfire, with the gun-wielding suspect's death. Events began to unfold around 10:30 P.M. Officer Faller and his partner, Timothy Stach, both in uniform, were patrolling an area known for high levels of drug activity and violent crime.

In the 1200 block of Harlem Avenue they observed a male approach a silver colored Nissan Pathfinder and engage in an apparent drug transaction with its two occupants. When they approached to investigate, the pedestrian fled, and the driver of the Nissan suddenly accelerated directly at the patrolmen, narrowly missing Officer Faller who was forced to dive from the vehicle's path. Both men ran to their cruiser, and with Officer Faller behind the wheel, gave pursuit. The Pathfinder sped for seven blocks with Officer Faller safely and skillfully maneuvering the cruiser so as not to lose visual contact with the suspects. All the while Officer Stach expertly radioed the unfolding situation to Communications and fellow officers. The eluding suspect pulled quickly into an alley-like lane in the 800 block of West Lexington Street and came to an abrupt halt.

The cruiser arrived as both suspects were jumping from their Pathfinder. As the officers were exiting their cruiser, they were fired upon by the passenger who had taken cover by his vehicle door. Knowing that he and his partner were vulnerable, Officer Faller returned fire. His round struck the open door of the Nissan and sent the gunman running. Both officers gave chase, each after the suspect closest to him. Officer Faller quickly apprehended the suspect/driver. Meanwhile, Officer Stach fell in behind the suspect who had fired upon the officers. Officer Stach chased the armed suspect through a courtyard, shouting commands as he went. After a turn into an alley, the suspect appeared to stumble and then took up a crouched position. He raised his handgun and pointed it at the on-coming officer. Officer Stach immediately fired several shots, striking the suspect. The suspect succumbed to his wounds a short time later at University Hospital. The handgun he had wielded was found to be a .9mm semi-automatic. It contained a fully-loaded magazine and had one empty shell casing in the chamber.

Officer Faller and Officer Stach distinguished themselves that night showing courage and judgment and are therefore awarded the Silver Star.

Silver Star for Valor



**POLICE OFFICER
GLENN ZINN
CENTRAL DISTRICT**

At 2:15 P.M. on January 25, 1996, police communications broadcasted that a man was discharging a handgun in the vicinity of the park in the 1800 block of Division Street. Upon hearing this call, Officer Glenn Zinn responded to where the shots were reportedly fired. When he arrived, Officer Zinn observed two men who matched the description that had been broadcasted.

Officer Zinn's position placed him very close to one suspect, and he immediately conducted a stop and frisk, failing to recover any weapons. The second suspect, having observed the stop and the arrival of the other officers, turned away and attempted to walk briskly towards the park. This heightened the officer's suspicions and they moved to block his path to ensure the safety of several people observed inside the park area. The suspect turned away from the officers and began walking east on Laurens Street, his hands tucked into his waistband. The officers shouted orders for him to stop, and the man suddenly whirled and began firing a semi-automatic "Tech-9" at the officers. All officers on the scene, being only ten feet from the suspect and without available cover, returned fire. The suspect broke into a run, intermittently turning to fire at the pursuing officers, presenting an imminent mortal threat to the nearby citizens and officers involved. Each officer realized that a quick end to the situation was the only way to remove the threat.

Faced with this life-threatening situation, each officer engaged the suspect. For more than a block and a half, each officer fired numerous rounds. The gunman was struck and fell to the pavement but remained conscious and retained possession of his weapon. The gunman later succumbed to his wounds at University Hospital.

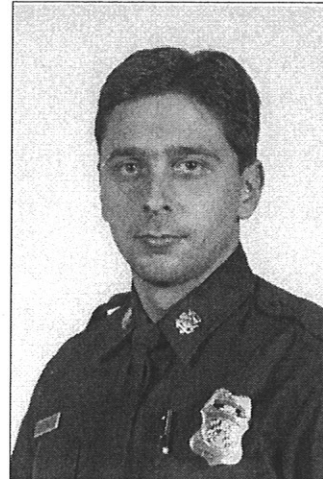
The brave actions of Officer Zinn saved the citizens and other officers present from mortal harm and he is therefore awarded the Silver Star.

Citation Of Valor



**OFFICER WILLIE W. GRANDY
EASTERN DISTRICT**

On March 26, 2001, at 12:36 P.M., Officer Willie Grandy was working a plainclothes narcotics detail in the 700 block of Wharton Court. During this time, Officer Grandy apprehended a sixteen-year-old boy who was dealing marijuana. Officer Grandy handcuffed the suspect and seated him on the ground while waiting for a prisoner transport vehicle. As Officer Grandy and the suspect waited, another suspect in his mid-twenties approached Officer Grandy stating, "What's up?" Before Officer Grandy could respond, the second suspect produced a handgun and opened fire on Officer Grandy, wounding him in the left thigh and the juvenile suspect in the right buttocks. During the gunfire, Officer Grandy pulled his juvenile arrestee to safety. The gunman immediately fled and was apprehended a short time later without further incident.



**DETECTIVE DAVID F. AZUR
R.A.T.T. (REGIONAL AUTO THEFT
TASKFORCE)**

On July 20, 2000 at 12:40 P.M., Detective David Azur was working a plainclothes assignment with the Regional Auto Theft Task Force. While patrolling in the Western District, Detective Azur and his partner, Detective Raymond McTamany of the Baltimore County Police Department, discovered a vehicle wanted for unauthorized use. The vehicle was occupied by two suspects. Upon calling for additional units, the suspect vehicle was stopped in the 1200 block of West North Avenue.

Detective Azur approached the passenger side of the vehicle and both occupants were ordered out. As Detective Azur started a "pat-down" of one of the passengers, the subject turned and pulled a handgun from his waistband. Without hesitation, the suspect shot Detective Azur at point-blank range in the center of his chest. The bullet struck Detective Azur's bulletproof vest, knocking him backwards to the street. Detective Azur's life was spared as a result of wearing his bulletproof vest. The suspect then fled on foot while holding the gun to his own head. Detective McTamany gave chase and ordered the suspect to drop his gun. The suspect then shouted, "If you come any closer, I'll shoot myself!" Without any provocation from the detective, the suspect then took his own life.

Bronze Star for Valor

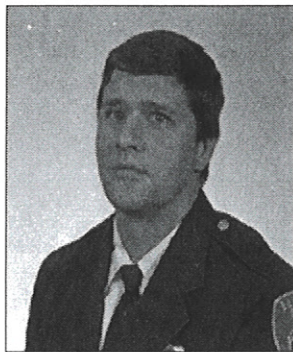


**Police Officer
Michael E. Minitor
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT**

On May 13, 2000, at 5:07 P.M., multiple calls were dispatched to 1225-1227 Wholer Way for a subject armed with a knife and a woman screaming. Upon the arrival of Officer Minitor, he was advised that a man had a knife pointed at a woman inside 1225 Wohler Way. Officer Minitor entered the dwelling and discovered that a man armed with a knife had barricaded himself in a second floor bedroom and was holding two women hostage. The suspect could be heard yelling, "I'm gonna kill you. You'll never hurt me again. The officers will have to shoot me!" Officer Minitor negotiated with the suspect and gained the suspect's trust by fully exposing himself to the suspect with hands raised. Officer Minitor convinced the suspect to release the hostages and lay down the knife, ending the situation. The suspect was taken into custody without incident or injury to anyone.



**Police Officer
Kurt H. Nagl, Jr.
Southeastern District**



**Police Officer
Mark P. Daugherty
Southeastern District**



**Police Officer
Dianna L. Ckyouu
Southeastern District**

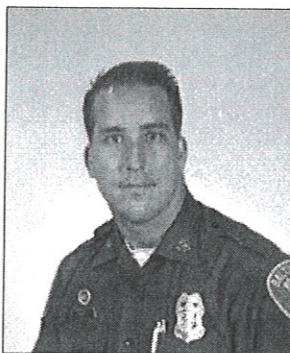


**Police Officer
Richard B. Landry
Southeastern District**

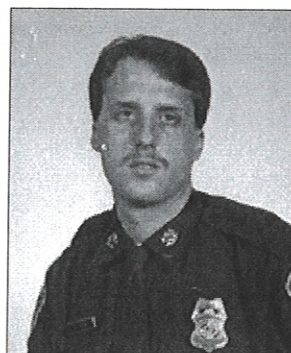
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**Sergeant
Dean M. Palmere
Eastern District Initiative**



**Police Officer
Harvey E. Martini
Eastern District Initiative**



**Police Officer
Kevin P. Feser
Eastern District Initiative**

On February 12, 2001, at approximately 8:15 P.M., Sergeant Palmere, Officer Martini, and Officer Feser were working a plainclothes detail in an unmarked unit assigned to the Eastern District Initiative. While stopped at a red light in the 500 block of East 22nd Street, the officers observed what they believed to be an armed street robbery in progress. The officers exited their vehicle and Officer Martini identified himself as a police officer. The suspect immediately dropped the coat taken from the robbery victim and fled the area on foot. During the foot chase the suspect removed a Kel Tech 9mm semi-automatic handgun (later discovered to be fully loaded) from his right coat pocket and pointed it at the pursuing officers. The officers were unable to use deadly force due to bystanders present in the immediate area. Verbal challenges and commands were given to the suspect, at which time he discarded his weapon under a parked car. The suspect was quickly apprehended.



**Police Officer
Robert L. Jackson
Eastern District Initiative**



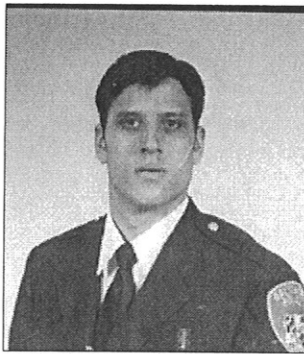
**Police Officer
Tiffany D. Walker
Eastern District Initiative**

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**Police Officer
Michael C. Guizzotti
Eastern District**

On November 6, 1999, at approximately 3:18 A.M., officers responded to the 2300 block of East Biddle Street for an armed person call. As officers arrived on the scene, they began interviewing people on the street. One of the men being interviewed fled the scene on foot. Officer Guizzotti immediately pursued the fleeing suspect, tackling him. A struggle ensued and the suspect overpowered Officer Guizzotti. The suspect, while on top of Officer Guizzotti, reached into his waistband and withdrew a .22 caliber handgun. The suspect then pointed the gun approximately six inches from Officer Guizzotti's face. Before the suspect could pull the trigger, Officer Guizzotti struck the suspect's gun hand with his flashlight, causing the suspect to release the handgun from his grasp. Officer Guizzotti then gained control of the suspect and placed him under arrest. The suspect was found to have an extensive criminal history to include handgun violations and attempted murder charges. The handgun in the suspect's possession had been reported stolen in a burglary from an A.T.F. office in Washington, D.C. The suspect was also charged federally.



**Police Officer
Steven N. Rose
Northeastern District**

On December 14, 2000, at approximately 11:00 P.M., Officer Rose was informed that a possible set-up to rob a pizza delivery driver was in place in the 3900 block of Ednor Avenue. Officer Rose put on a pizza delivery uniform and when a call for pizza was received by the Gourmet Pizza Shop for 3909 Ednor Avenue, Officer Rose responded, carrying empty pizza boxes. Upon arrival on Ednor Avenue, Officer Rose exited his pizza delivery vehicle and within 10 seconds he was approached by two suspects. One suspect was displaying a shotgun and demanded "all the money." Officer Rose noticed the suspect's finger was not on the trigger. He immediately drew his service weapon and ordered the gunman to the ground. The second suspect fled but was later apprehended one block from the scene. Both suspects were taken into custody without incident or injury.



**Police Officer
Stacy A. Quinter
Northeastern District**

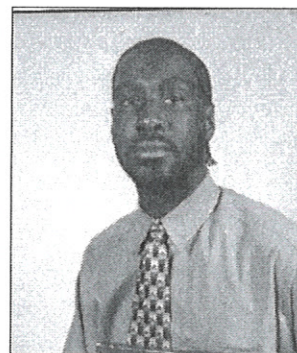
On May 5, 1999, at 10:26 A.M., Officer Stacy Quinter responded as a back-up unit to a double shooting at East Northern Parkway and Belair Road. Upon his arrival he learned that the shooting took place in the rear of Overlea Catering in Baltimore County. Baltimore County Police were on the scene. One victim stated that he knew an ex-employee had shot him. Officer Quinter responded to the suspect's address. Officer Quinter rang the doorbell, and someone unknown buzzed the door open. Officer Quinter walked down the steps in search of the suspect's apartment. As Officer Quinter turned around to walk back up the steps, he heard a door open behind him. Officer Quinter turned around and observed a middle-aged man standing in the doorway of apartment A-2 with his hands behind his back. The man stated, "I'm the one you're looking for." Officer Quinter then asked this man who he was but received no response. Officer Quinter then asked this man to remove his hands from behind his back, and the man did so. The man was holding a gun in his left hand. Officer Quinter then pointed his service pistol at the suspect and ordered him to drop the gun several times. Simultaneously, Officer Quinter realized that there was no cover available to him except to retreat up the steps. The suspect appeared as if he were going to comply but suddenly raised the gun pointing it at Officer Quinter. The suspect then fired one shot at Officer Quinter. Officer Quinter also fired one shot, striking the suspect who fell backwards into the apartment. Officer Quinter then handcuffed the suspect without further incident.



**Police Officer
Daraine D. Harris
Northern District**

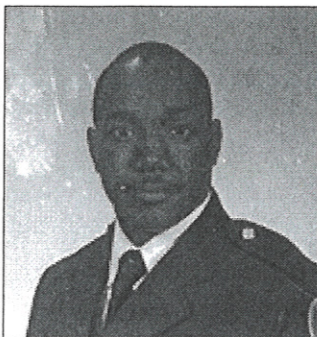


**Police Officer
Edward D. Colbert
Northern District**



**Detective
Brian J. Hance
Northern District**

On August 24, 1999, at approximately 3:00 P.M., Detective Brian Hance was off-duty when he received information that a suspect wanted for arson was in the 1000 block of Woodson Avenue. Detective Hance then advised on-duty officers Daraine Harris and Edward Colbert of this information. All three officers then approached the suspect in the parking lot of the 1000 block of Woodson Avenue. The suspect began to run, and all three officers followed in foot pursuit. The officers located the suspect in a wooded area in the 6200 block of Northwood Road. They observed the suspect on the ground holding a semi-automatic pistol to his head and heard several metallic clicking sounds. The officers pointed their pistols at the suspect and ordered him to drop his weapon. The suspect then pointed his gun at the officers. Fearing for his life and the lives of his fellow officers, Officer Daraine Harris fired one shot at the suspect, striking him in the right arm. The suspect then dropped his gun and was arrested by officers Harris and Colbert.



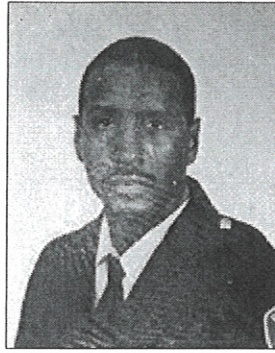
**Police Officer
Larry W. Armwood
Western District**

On March 12, 2000, at approximately 10:42 P.M., Police Officer Larry Armwood was standing off duty in plain clothes in front of 5500 Sinclair Lane, when he observed a man exit a white four-door Nissan Sentra. The man then walked over to the victim, Mr. Antonio Smith, an off-duty Natural Resources Police Officer who had his back turned. Officer Armwood observed the suspect reach into his waistband area and grab a .32 caliber silver revolver and point it in a "low ready position" as he approached Officer Smith. Officer Armwood began issuing strong verbal commands: "Baltimore City Police; put the weapon down!" and "Someone dial 911." The suspect then turned in a 45-degree angle away from Officer Armwood's view of his weapon, pointed the gun down by his side, and replied, "What gun?" The suspect attempted to place his weapon back into his waistband area but lost his grip of the .32 silver caliber revolver, causing it to fall through the right pant leg of his baggie jeans. Officer Armwood holstered up and charged the suspect to prevent him from picking up the weapon. Officer Armwood quickly subdued the suspect, but while waiting for police back-up, the suspect began to struggle violently to escape arrest. Officer Armwood managed to detain the suspect without injury. The suspect's .32 caliber silver stainless steel handgun loaded with four cartridges was recovered.



**Police Officer
Roy D. Hinman, Jr.
Western District**

On June 13, 2000, at approximately 6:57 P.M., police officers Roy Hinman and Timothy Stach were working uniformed patrol in the 1100 block of Riggs Avenue when they observed a male exiting an alley on the even side of 1100 Riggs Avenue. Officer Hinman reported that when the subject saw their marked patrol vehicle, he began to walk west on Riggs Avenue from the alley while clutching his right side with both hands. Officer Hinman asked the subject to walk to their vehicle. The subject responded by running west on Riggs Avenue towards Carrollton Avenue. Officer Hinman observed a brown handle of a gun sticking out of the right side of the subject's waistband. The subject then began to run up the stairs of 1107 North Carrollton Avenue. Officer Hinman exited the vehicle and chased the subject into the dwelling. Once in the dwelling, the subject turned around, now facing Officer Hinman with the weapon in his hand. The subject raised the weapon up, pointing it at Officer Hinman's stomach. Officer Hinman placed his hand on his service weapon and attempted to withdraw it. The subject then took a step towards Officer Hinman. As the subject closed in on him, Officer Hinman felt that bodily injury to himself was imminent. Officer Hinman punched the subject one time in the face, which created distance and made the subject drop the weapon to the floor, dismissing the use of deadly force. A struggle ensued, and the subject was subdued after backup units arrived on the scene.



**Police Officer
Raymond E. Cook, Jr.
Southeastern District**

On June 12, 1999, at approximately 10:52 P.M., Police Officer Raymond Cook stopped a Dodge Durango in the 200 block of South Pulaski Street. The driver shot at Officer Cook three times, just missing him while striking his patrol car two times on the driver's side. The Durango sped off, and Officer Cook followed it to the intersection of Lafayette and Gilmore streets where the Durango struck two cars and hit a house at 914 North Gilmore Street. Officer Cook approached the vehicle, and the driver made motions as if to shoot at him again. Officer Cook was in fear for his life and fired at the suspect. Officer Cook then moved to the front of the vehicle and took cover climbing the steps of 914 North Gilmore Street. Fearing that he was in imminent threat of death or serious physical injury, Officer Cook fired again at the driver to incapacitate him. No officers or other civilians were injured.



**Sergeant
Schuyler R. Denham
Western District**

On January 25, 1998, at approximately 1:36 A.M., Sergeant Schuyler Denham was parked in the 1900 block of Edgewood Street when he noticed a subject running quickly on Hilton Street to West North Avenue. Sergeant Denham continued to observe the individual and followed him as he continued to run in haste towards Walbrook Avenue. The person then noticed the officer observing his actions and immediately ran south away from the officer. It was then that Sergeant Denham noticed the individual holding his right hand at his side. Sergeant Denham recognized the subject's actions as consistent with those of a person armed with a handgun. He alerted the dispatcher that a foot pursuit was about to ensue. The incident culminated in the 1600 block of North Hilton Street when Sergeant Denham saw the suspect duck behind a parked car. Officer Denham heard what sounded to him like the sound of a metal slide or catch, and the suspect rose from behind the vehicle and pointed a Smith & Wesson 9mm Model 669 handgun (later found to be loaded to its maximum capacity with eleven rounds) at the officer. Sergeant Denham, recognizing the imminent threat to his life, pointed his service weapon at the suspect and fired. The suspect was struck and succumbed to his wounds later that morning.



**Police Officer
Vickie Mengel
Southwestern District**

On October 15, 1999, at 10:23 P.M., Officer Vicky Mengel was patrolling her post when she heard the sound of gunfire. She immediately responded to the area of gunfire where she observed a female with a gun in her hand shooting into the residence of 411 South Pulaski Street. Officer Mengel exited her vehicle with her weapon drawn, ordered the female suspect to drop the weapon, and ordered her and two others with her to the ground. Suddenly, the female suspect handed the gun to a male accomplice. The male suspect then fired two rounds from a 9mm handgun at Officer Mengel. Officer Mengel, who was not struck, did not return fire due to other citizens in close proximity. Officer Mengel pursued the male shooter and his accomplice south on Pulaski Street and east on Christian Street into a back alley when she lost sight of them. Officer Mengel then returned to the scene at 411 South Pulaski Street where she made sure medical attention was being rendered to the wounded. She was able to locate the female shooting suspect and place her under arrest without incident. The female shooter was charged with three counts of attempted first-degree murder, three counts of first-degree assault, handgun violations, and discharging a firearm in the city. Officer Mengel conducted an exhaustive investigation to obtain the identification of the male who shot at her. As a result of her tireless dedication, she was able to identify the suspect as the brother of the female shooter. Officer Mengel obtained a warrant charging him with assault with intent to commit murder, three counts of conspiracy to commit murder, three counts of conspiracy to commit first-degree assault, and a handgun violation.



**Police Officer
Richard A. Willard
Southwestern District**

Officer Richard Willard initiated an arrest of two suspects for what appeared to be minor traffic and narcotics violations that occurred on May 7, 1999. However, further investigation at the scene revealed that the vehicle was equipped with a hidden compartment in which a fully-loaded .380 caliber handgun and air taser were concealed. Also recovered from other locations inside the vehicle were \$10,789.00 in cash (some tainted with red dye); handcuffs; two-way radios; and suspected cocaine, heroin, and marijuana.

Officer Willard then launched an intensive investigation that spanned several counties within Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. His investigation led to the issuance of two search and seizure warrants. Recovered from a residence in Baltimore County were an exploded dye pack and a large

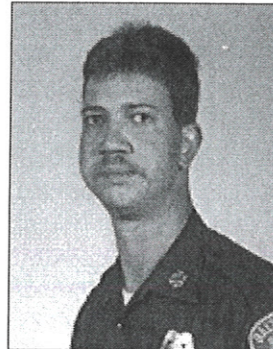
quantity of .380 caliber cartridges. Recovered from a storage facility in Baltimore City were a tool bag containing lock-picking devices, and several books on lock-picking, smuggling, and identity change; an empty air taser box; and \$650.00 in U.S. coins. A trace of the dye pack's serial number revealed that it had been taken in an armed bank robbery in Greenbelt, Maryland, in which the suspect's *modus operandi* was to dress as a UPS employee pretending to deliver a package before the bank's opening. This was one of two similar robberies that recently occurred in the region. The suspect apprehended by Officer Willard matched the descriptions in both robberies.



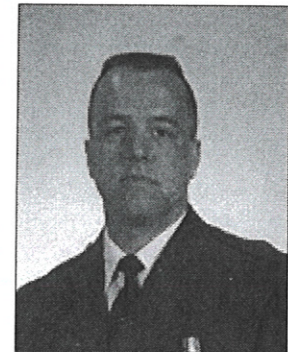
**Police Officer
Andrew F. Corsaro
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**Police Officer
Omar T. Wright
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**Police Officer
Michael C. Hall
Southern District**

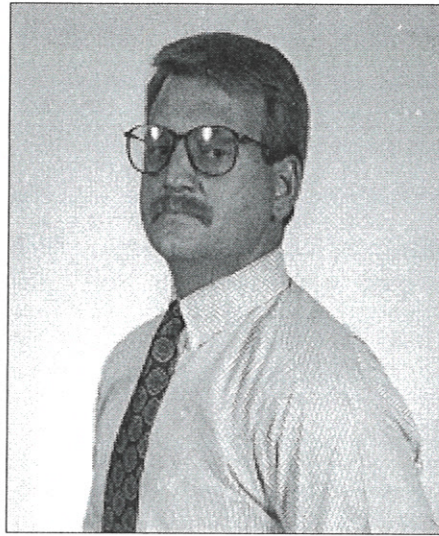


**Police Officer
David J. DeVincentz
Southern District**

On March 4, 2000, at approximately 2:45 A.M., Officer Corsaro and Officer Wright were patrolling the area around the 1100 block of Nanticoke Street when they saw heavy smoke coming from the second floor windows and roof of a house identified as 1174 Nanticoke, a vacant dwelling. Officer Hall and Officer DeVincentz responded to assist.

The officers began evacuating the neighboring homes. When they entered 1172 Nanticoke Street, they saw smoke coming through the walls and quickly searched for occupants. They found a seventy-four year old woman, confused and frightened, upstairs in her bed. The officers were able to safely remove her from the house. The officers also entered 1176 Nanticoke Street. They found the residence full of smoke but were able to locate and safely evacuate two more elderly persons. When the officers searched 1180 Nanticoke Street, they located a sixty-four year old male who was sitting in a smoke-filled house unable to move because he was hooked up to oxygen tanks. The officers successfully evacuated him and returned into the house to retrieve the extra tanks of oxygen they feared would explode if not removed. By the time the officers were making their final check to make sure everyone was out of the neighboring houses, fire personnel were arriving on the scene to extinguish the fire. As a result of the heroic actions of these officers, no injuries were sustained.

Bronze Star for Excellence



DETECTIVE CHRISTOPHER P. GAUL CID/HOMICIDE

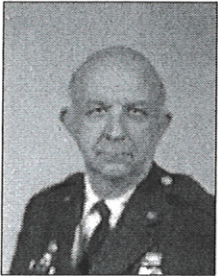
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Distinguished Service Award

OFFICER GERARD A. HEID NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT



Police Officer Gerard Heid has been a member of the Baltimore Police Department since 1964. Although he has had numerous opportunities to transfer to specialized units, Officer Heid chooses to remain in the Northeastern District serving as a uniformed officer. Officer Heid feels strongly that he can best serve the citizens of Baltimore by remaining in a district where he has established close relationships with its communities and citizens. Despite his years of service, Officer Heid still serves in a uniformed, full-duty capacity. Recently, he has served as a liaison to elderly victims, and he is frequently called upon to enhance relationships between the police and the business community. Officer Heid's past and present supervisors have reported his contributions to Baltimore's citizens and the department as "outstanding" during his more than thirty-six years of distinguished service, and is well deserving of this recognition.



DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT MICHAEL L. TABOR & **DETECTIVE SEAN P. JONES** DRUG ENFORCEMENT SECTION, CID



Only two people currently staff the Asset Forfeiture Unit of the Baltimore Police Department: Lieutenant Michael L. Tabor and Detective Sean P. Jones. During the 1999 calendar year this unit produced seizures that returned to the department's coffers amounts far exceeding normal expectations. One of the largest asset seizure cases in the history of the Baltimore Police Department resulted in a check presentation to the department in the amount of \$265,825.81. In addition, the unit has proactively sought the ill-gotten gains of the narcotics industry by examining bank records, seizing computers, filing affidavits to freeze bank accounts, and seizing monies, vehicles, and other assets attributed to the drug trade. This unit has gone beyond the call of duty by working a tremendous amount of overtime and by assisting other police from various agencies. Lieutenant Michael L. Tabor and Detective Sean P. Jones are most deserving of the Distinguished Service Award.

DETECTIVE SERGEANT ROGER W. NOLAN HOMICIDE SECTION



Sergeant Roger W. Nolan has been with the Baltimore Police Department since July 6, 1967. During his thirty-three plus years with this agency, he has never taken a single day of medical leave. Sergeant Nolan has been assigned to the Homicide Section since June of 1985. While assigned to the Homicide Section, he has served as a squad supervisor, special investigation coordinator, and the Cold Case Squad supervisor. Sergeant Nolan's contributions to the efforts of the Homicide Section have been considerable. His achievements and distinguished performance are recognized throughout this agency and the State's Attorney's Office. Sergeant Nolan is a walking encyclopedia of the homicide history of this city since 1985. His knowledge, willingness to help, and strong work ethic are demonstrated on a daily basis in his interaction with detectives and other supervisors of this section. In addition to the work performed in the Homicide Section, Sergeant Nolan is called upon regularly to instruct new as well as veteran officers. He has performed this service for our Education and Training Section, Maryland Police Corps, the University of Baltimore, Community College of Baltimore, and the Hagerstown Police Department. Sergeant Nolan has also been recognized for his work outside the agency. As a result of his years of dedication and service to the Boy Scouts of America, he was recently awarded the very prestigious Silver Beaver Award. Sergeant Roger W. Nolan is truly deserving of this special award.

CRIME LAB TECHNICIAN MICHAEL M. MCGLYNN
LABORATORY SECTION'S MOBILE UNIT



One of the most difficult tasks in the criminalist field is finding a perpetrator's latent prints. This is due to the fragile nature of a latent print. Almost any substance, force, or simple carelessness that comes in contact with a latent print can obliterate it, making it non-suitable for comparison. It takes considerable dexterity, determination, and concentration to not only find a latent print, but to develop it to a point where it can be identified. Crime Lab Technician Michael McGlynn, during 1999, displayed all of these qualities by obtaining thirty latent cases identified to a suspect. This far exceeded the Laboratory Section's average of eighteen cases, thereby displaying "the act of service...accomplished or performed in a manner above normally expected."

During 2000, Crime Lab Technician Michael McGlynn again led the Laboratory Section with thirty-four latent cases identified to a suspect. This exceeded the Laboratory Section's average of eighteen, thereby displaying "abilities well above the expected standards reflecting technical or administrative achievement." Based on these facts and achievements, Crime Lab Technician Michael McGlynn is awarded two Distinguished Service Awards.

CRIME LAB TECHNICIAN LISSETTE L. RIVERA
LABORATORY SECTION'S MOBILE UNIT



In the past year, Crime Lab Technician Lissette Rivera obtained the third most latent print cases identified to a suspect in the Laboratory Section (28.3). Among these were two homicide cases, four assault by shooting cases (including a police shooting), two bank holdup cases, twelve assault and robbery cases, and eight burglary cases. Based on these facts and achievements, Crime Lab Technician Lissette Rivera is awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

CRIME LAB TECHNICIAN NINA WHITE
LABORATORY SECTION'S MOBILE UNIT



In the past year, Crime Lab Technician Nina White obtained the most latent print cases identified to a suspect in the Laboratory Section (30.8). Among these were four homicide cases, four assault cases, twelve assault and robbery cases, and eleven burglary cases. Based on these facts and achievements, Crime Lab Technician Nina White is awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

Unit Citations

CHILD ABUSE UNIT/MISSING PERSONS UNIT

The Child Abuse and Missing Persons Units experienced a very tragic year in 2000 with the untimely deaths of two detectives as well as the line-of-duty death of Officer Jamie Roussey (son of Sgt. Frederick Roussey, formerly assigned to the Child Abuse Unit). Another of the detectives suffered serious illness but thankfully survived a major heart attack and bypass operation.

During 2000, the Child Abuse Unit's detectives handled 1,070 cases of sexual and physical complaints under the First Response Mode, investigating calls from beginning to end. As a result, the detectives of the Child Abuse Unit were able to save the Patrol Division between 4,280 and 6,420 response hours for the year. They also effected 256 arrests and 89 exceptional clearances. They wrote and executed twelve search and seizure warrants and completed the year with an 87.2% clearance rate. The Missing Persons Unit consists of a sergeant and four detectives who are responsible for investigating missing children under fourteen years of age and vulnerable adults to include Alzheimer patients, suicidal individuals, and persons missing under unusual or suspicious circumstances.

Keeping in mind that investigation into sexual and physical abuse of children is one of the most stressful tasks an investigator could possibly encounter, the men and women of the Child Abuse and Missing Persons units continued with dedication their important mission even while under physical and emotional distress. These men and women displayed a strong personal commitment to the children of Baltimore City despite an inordinately tragic and busy year.

HOMICIDE SECTION

The Homicide Section is a high profile investigative unit responsible for solving the most serious crimes. The Homicide Section's investigative responsibility covers a wide spectrum of situations, not the least of which is homicide/murder. Contract murder, suicide, questionable and unattended deaths, police involved shootings, deaths or serious injury to any person(s) in police custody, all deaths of on-duty city employees, threats against public officials, abductions, kidnappings, extortion/blackmail, and any high profile incident requiring an immediate investigative response all fall within the parameters of the section's responsibility.

For the first time in a decade, the city's murder rate dropped below 300 in the year 2000. Also achieved was a significant increase in the number of cases cleared. This is due in large measure to the detectives' diligence and investigative skill. Investigations have taken detectives from New York to North Carolina and from Virginia to California, each time resulting in positive contacts and successful investigations. Based on this level of performance, demonstrated investigative proficiency, professionalism and the "can do" attitude of the men and women of the Homicide Section, they are awarded a Unit Citation.

CID AREA I DISTRICT INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

On March 23, 2000, CID Area I-District Investigative Services, comprising the Central, Northern and Southern District Investigative Units, came into existence. Their mission is to investigate the crimes of aggravated assault, burglary, robbery and shootings in a methodical manner while being based in the district, but under the command of the Criminal Investigative Division. The Area I-DIS Unit is composed of 48 detectives, nine sergeants, and three lieutenants. Since inception, there were 6,790 cases in the area comprising of 159 shootings, 1,536 aggravated assaults, 1,791 robberies and 3,304 burglaries. This meant that on the average each detective was assigned 141.45 cases to investigate.

Despite this overwhelming workload, Area I detectives delivered an impressive clearance rate. In the area of shootings alone, they had a combined clearance rate of 61%. In fact, the Northern District and Southern District had clearance rates of 72.4% and 69.8%, respectively. These clearance rates led the city.

CID AREA III EASTERN DISTRICT INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

During the year 2000, The Criminal Investigation Division-District Investigative Services at the Eastern District investigated 763 robbery incidents, 1,221 aggravated assaults, and 852 burglaries. Additionally, this unit investigated 147 shooting incidents. In comparison, this shooting caseload was significantly greater than any other DIS unit within the department. Despite this staggering caseload, the unit successfully cleared 74 of these shooting incidents, maintaining a clearance rate of 50.34%. In contrast, the clearance rate for 1999 Eastern District shooting incidents (investigated by the Violent Crimes Task Force) was only 23%. Prior to the inception of this DIS unit (March 2000), the clearance rate for shooting incidents at the Eastern District was approximately 20%.

This significant increase in the clearance rate (over a 100% increase) is a direct result of the dedication and commitment demonstrated by every member of this unit. Obviously, these statistics are an impressive representation of the professionalism and attention to duty continually demonstrated by this investigative unit. The efforts of the unit have resulted in the removal of numerous violent offenders from the communities of East Baltimore. As a result, for the year 2000, the Eastern District has successfully achieved a 33% reduction in the total number of shootings, an 11% reduction in the number of aggravated assaults, an 8% reduction in the number of robberies, and a 9% reduction in total violent crime.

Every member of unit contributed to this success. The actions and personal sacrifices made by all members of the unit are a credit to the Baltimore Police Department and the citizens of East Baltimore.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT HOTSPOT SQUAD

In March 2000, the Northeast District Hotspot Squad was initiated and tasked with reducing violent crime and assisting in the identification and apprehension of violent offenders in the area known as Coldstream/Homestead/Montebello (CHM). The area had experienced a notable increase in violent crime over the past few years. Furthermore, an analysis of the continuing violence indicated that a majority of the area's shootings and homicides were not random acts but were closely linked retaliatory acts stemming from neighborhood conflicts between rival groups.

During their first nine months the squad made a significant impact in the number of shootings and homicides. By the end of 2000, the NED had experienced 34 fewer shootings and 20 fewer homicides than in 1999. The unit was collectively responsible for 391 arrests, 690 vehicle stops and 1,802 field interviews. On two occasions, the unit was responsible for the identification and arrest of two shooting suspects. These arrests reduced the number of shootings in the "hot spot" to zero. For the year 2000 the NED has successfully achieved a 55.6% reduction in the total number of shootings, a 40% reduction in the number of aggravated assaults, a 2% reduction in the number of robberies, and a 12% reduction in total Part I crime.

The dedication and commitment of this unit's members is clearly demonstrated in their consistently outstanding level of performance.

HIDTA (HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA) GROUP 54

The Major Traffickers Initiative concentrates efforts on the investigations of major heroin and cocaine traffickers and targets of opportunity. This initiative also assists state and local departments regarding their investigations of major traffickers. Members of the unit have made a major impact in the Baltimore area drug scene. They have conducted multi-faceted and complex drug investigations in virtually all parts of the Baltimore area, resulting in the crippling of numerous organized drug rings. Their high level of performance has been noted by the US Attorney's Office, Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The dedication and hard work of the unit netted the arrest and conviction of numerous major drug traffickers. Time and time again these officers have demonstrated their ability to successfully initiate and conclude complex investigations. The unit has also shown the ability to work closely and maintain good relations with other jurisdictions at the local, county, state, and federal levels.

The unit has consistently shown, sometimes under the most exhausting conditions, to be intelligent, diligent, dedicated and resourceful. One example of the unit's success was the "Prothero" wiretap case, which resulted in the arrest of the killers of Baltimore County Police Sergeant Bruce Prothero. Another example was operation "ALPHA," one of the largest wiretap cases ever completed by the Baltimore Police Department. This initiative was one step in Police Commissioner Norris' goal of initiating major drug investigations utilizing electronic surveillance.

LABORATORY SECTION'S MOBILE UNIT

The Laboratory Section's Mobile Unit has for years led the nation in the most number of crime scenes investigated per crime laboratory technician. For instance, in a survey conducted in 1995, the Mobile Unit handled almost twice the assignments per crime laboratory technician as their counterparts in nearby large departments. Not only has this unit handled a large volume of work, it has also been instrumental in solving high profile crimes. This unit's reputation extends not only nationally, but internationally as well. Several countries have had their crime scene units trained by this unit (including

Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates). This unit was also featured on a cable television special on the Arts & Entertainment Channel in December 1999. This unit has also persevered during difficult times for this city. It has responded on average to over 300 homicides and 1,000 shootings a year for almost ten years. In addition, numerous other crimes against persons were processed.

The difference between this unit and crime scene units of other major cities is that it responds to property crimes whereas other major cities do not. In addition, this unit administers breathalyzer tests to persons suspected of driving while intoxicated. In the year 2000 the Mobile Unit recovered suitable latent prints from 3,110 crime scenes (22% of all crime scenes to which it responded, 43% of all crime scenes processed for latent prints). From these suitable latent prints, the Mobile Unit has produced 385 print identifications. Among these were 39 identifications from homicide scenes and 37 identifications from scenes of other serious assaults.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT FLEX SQUADS

On March 1, 2000, the Northwestern District created two, six-officer flex squads. These flex squads were directed to take the lead in addressing violent crime in the Northwestern District. Using crime mapping and analysis, the flex squads targeted areas that required aggressive enforcement. Those enforcement efforts included uniform patrol, undercover operations, search and seizure warrants, "buy and busts," intelligence gathering, and other assorted initiatives.

The tireless work of these officers has resulted in a substantial reduction of crime in the Northwestern District. As of November 15, 2000, shootings in the Northwestern District were reduced by almost 50% from 1999. Homicides in the Northwestern District were reduced by over 30% from 1999. Overall, Part I crimes in the Northwestern District were reduced by over 20% from 1999.

TACTICAL/TRAFFIC SECTION

During the year 2000, the Tactical/Traffic Section handled the following events without any major problems or incidents: 2000 Orioles Baseball Season, 2000 Ravens Football Season, OpSail 2000, NAACP Convention, ABC Convention, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Preakness Parade, Thanksgiving Parade, Preakness Day at Pimlico, 4th of July at the Inner Harbor, New Year's Eve at the Inner Harbor, Easter Sunday at the Inner Harbor, Mother's Day at the Inner Harbor, Lighted Boat Parade, Waterfront Festival, Rite Aide Convention, German Transportation Security Visit, Army/Navy Game, Dragon Boat Races, Speed Boat Races, Irish Rowing Event, Irish Boxing Event, Implosion of the High Rise, all events at the PSI and Camden Yard stadiums, President Clinton's two visits, 1st Lady Hillary Clinton's visit, Vice Presidential Candidate Joe Lieberman's visit, Colin Powell's visit, the Baltimore County Palcynski hostage situation, and the city's barricade and high-risk warrant situations.

OpSail 2000 picked Baltimore as the best port during the whole event. Both the Army and the Navy stated Baltimore was the best site ever for the game. The United States Secret Service says that the Tactical/Traffic Section does the best job in the county when it comes to dignitary visits. Although the section was short-staffed, they did the job, and they did it the right way. Many of these details required long hours in the heat or cold, but the section completed the task without problems and/or incidents.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESPONSE UNIT

On June 15, 2000, formation of the Technical Assistance Response Unit was completed. This unit is modeled after cutting-edge response units in other major metropolitan areas. From its inception the Technical Assistance Response Unit took a proactive approach to the crime problem, providing technical support to the department's investigators. This support included electronic eavesdropping, surveillance, and wiretapping investigations. In the course of the last seven months, the supervisors and detectives assigned to the unit have conducted sixty surveillances. The use of videography, photography, microwaves, "cell tracking," wiretaps, and pen registers has provided all members of the department an opportunity to take investigations to the next level and remove violent individuals from the community. It is clear the unit has offered a modern way to fight crime.

WARRANT APPREHENSION TASK FORCE

The mission of the Warrant Apprehension Task Force is to achieve inter-agency coordination in order to reduce the backlog of arrest warrants throughout the Baltimore-metropolitan area. By making a more concerted effort to locate and arrest wanted persons, criminal cases can be brought to closure, removing those involved in criminal activity from our communities and decreasing the probability of repeated incidents of criminal behavior.

The joint task force is intended to have a direct impact on the reduction of crime in the metropolitan area. On March 23, 2000, the Baltimore Police Department began implementing Mayor O'Malley's crime fighting strategy, assigning twenty-five detectives and five sergeants to the Warrant Apprehension Task Force. In addition, a compliment of twenty-two detectives from the Baltimore County Police Department, four Maryland State Troopers, two detectives from the Howard County Police Department, one deputy from the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office, one deputy from the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, and four agents from the Division of Parole and Probation make up a multi-jurisdictional cooperative effort to rid the region's streets of violent criminals. The Warrant Apprehension Task Force has served 4,460 warrants from January 1 through December 31, 2000, compared to 2,334 during the same time last year.

Certificates of Appreciation

Special Agent Douglas Ellington

D.E.A. Task Force

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Officer Dana Williams

Baltimore County Police Department

On February 5, 2000, Baltimore County Police Officer Dana Williams was off-duty and driving his personal vehicle in the 2800 block of East Baltimore Street when he observed a struggle between Baltimore City Lieutenant Michael Pristoop and a suspect at the edge of Patterson Park. Lieutenant Pristoop was attempting to arrest the individual suspected of vehicle theft, traffic violations, and, consequently, second degree assault. The suspect physically assaulted Lieutenant Pristoop and attempted to flee on foot. Officer Williams dutifully exited his automobile to render assistance and entered into a foot pursuit of the suspect.

Officer Williams ran and stopped the suspect and identified himself as a police officer. He was able to restrain him, but not before being physically assaulted by the suspect. Due to the assistance rendered by Officer Williams, Lieutenant Pristoop was able to place this individual under arrest.

James McCauley *Baltimore City Firefighter*

On September 23, 2000, at approximately 10:40 P.M., a thirty-five year old man participating in prankish play, jumped, fell, or was pushed into the water at the Inner Harbor. The man was intoxicated from consuming alcohol. A bulkhead was out of reach making extraction of the man impossible.

Baltimore City Firefighter James McCauley immediately responded and found the man submerging in the water while being washed under the bulkhead. Firefighter McCauley, acting without delay, commenced rescue operations using a fire ceiling hook tool to coordinate the rescue effort. The man was quickly recovered from the water and received assistance. If not for the quick and correct action on the part of Firefighter McCauley, the citizen most likely would have died.

Citizens Awards

Councilman Melvin L. Stukes

On January 5, 2001, at 5:30 A.M., members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Department, accompanied by the Baltimore Police Department's Quick Response Team, were attempting to make a forced entry into 5700 Bland Avenue when five shots were fired from inside the house in the direction of the officers outside. The suspect in this incident was armed with a 32-caliber revolver and a 7mm rifle. Members of the crisis negotiation team made contact with the resident at 6:15 a.m. and continued a dialogue with him until his ultimate surrender at 10:15 a.m. Negotiations, however, were lengthy and at times hostile, with no indication that a peaceful resolution was imminent. Plans were prepared for a tactical resolution to the situation.

At approximately 9:00 A.M. Baltimore City Councilman Melvin L. Stukes of the 6th District contacted the police department offering his assistance in resolving this incident. Councilman Stukes, a long-time friend of the resident, was transported to the scene. Negotiators briefed Councilman Stukes and discussed with him the direction they hoped his negotiations would take. Councilman Stukes was then put in contact with the resident using the negotiation telephone system. Councilman Stukes had a very calming influence on his friend and provided numerous alternatives and suggestions in hopes that a peaceful resolution could be reached. After just several minutes the resident indicated he was ready to come out. Crisis negotiation team members resumed contact with the resident and guided him through the surrender process.

The resident was taken into custody by the perimeter team at 10:15 A.M. without incident. Members of the crisis negotiation team are in agreement that Councilman Melvin L. Stukes was instrumental in the peaceful resolution of this very volatile situation and should be commended for his actions. His involvement most certainly hastened an end to the situation that for hours did not appear possible and greatly reduced the risk of injury for all those involved.

Margeaux Lopez

On February 8, 2000, at approximately 7:02 P.M., Ms. Margeaux Lopez helped in the capture of the men responsible for the armed robbery of the Taco Bell restaurant located at 7 West Baltimore Street. Ms. Lopez was standing at the bus stop directly in front of the Taco Bell with her child in her arms when the hold-up occurred. Ms. Lopez advised responding officers that she saw the person responsible and how he got away. Ms. Lopez described the robbery suspect and advised that he got into an old white Ford Pick-up truck with Maryland temporary tags. She further advised that the word "FORD" was written in red on the rear lift gate of the vehicle. Ms. Lopez went on to advise that she saw the truck parked on the north side of the unit block of West Baltimore Street with two males inside, and that after the suspect got into the passenger side of the vehicle, the truck turned and headed north on Charles Street. Ms. Lopez's information was broadcasted via police radio, and within five minutes the truck was observed and stopped on Eutaw and Mulberry Streets. The suspect was arrested and the gun and stolen money were recovered. A second suspect in the vehicle was identified as the person that held up the Taco Bell restaurant approximately two weeks prior. If Ms. Lopez had not come forward and volunteer this critical information, it would not have been known in which direction or how the suspect fled, and the case would not have been solved as quickly.

Quanda Jackson & Jeffrey Brandon

On March 12, 2000, at 1:57 A.M., officers from the Southern District were dispatched to numerous locations in the area of 1700 West Pratt Street for a shooting. Due to the varying locations given, officers had to split up in their efforts to locate a shooting victim. The victim was eventually found inside Danny Boy's Bar, 1712 West Pratt Street. The suspect wanted for the shooting fled the bar on foot. Ms. Jackson and Mr. Brandon immediately followed the shooter, never losing sight of the suspect. As the two citizens followed the shooter, they observed him throw the gun he used down the sewer drain at Hollins and Gilmore Streets. Upon seeing a uniformed police officer, Ms. Jackson and Mr. Brandon shouted, "Get that guy, he just shot our friend!" As a result of the brave actions of Ms. Jackson and Mr. Brandon, the suspect was apprehended and a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver was recovered from the sewer drain.

Jeffrey Makin, Carl Parker & Markus Barnes

On December 5, 2000, officers received a call to 3421 Belair Road for an armed robbery in progress. The three suspects fled via the Goodwill Store's back door prior to the officers' arrival. However, due to the officers' quick response, the three suspects broke into a residence of Wilber Forester. According to Mr. Forester, his twelve-year-old grandson Markus Barnes heard noise coming from the basement and went to investigate. At that time he observed three men in his grandfather's basement. One offered the child money if he wouldn't alert the police. The child immediately ran and informed his grandfather, who in turn called the police. Upon the arrival of QRT, they entered Mr. Forester's residence where they noticed two BG&E workers, Carl Parker and Jeffery Makin, holding the basement door closed. These workers indicated that the persons in the basement were attempting to gain entry into the first level. QRT officers relieved the workers and made entry into the basement and subsequently apprehended the suspects.

The Mayor and the Police Commissioner also wish to congratulate the following members of the Department for their many contributions to the safety and the well being of the citizens we serve.

We thank and encourage each member to continue to display the professional conduct that afforded him or her this heartfelt recognition.

LIFE SAVING AWARD

Central District	<i>Officer John C. Blueford, Jr., Officer Timothy T. Spearman</i>
Northwestern District	<i>Officer Marvin L. Colson II, Officer Donita R. Davenport, Officer Andre M. Pringle, Officer Jamison E. Russell, Officer Jason M. Taylor</i>
Tactical	<i>Officer Charles H. Carter, Sr., Officer John L. Chambers</i>
Tactical Inner Harbor	<i>Officer Paul M. McLain</i>
Tactical Marine Unit	<i>Officer Warren D. Porter, Sr.</i>

COMMENDATION

Southeastern District	<i>Officer Mohamed Ali, Officer Jon A. Wobbleton, Officer Michael A. Wolferman</i>
Eastern District	<i>Officer Parker D. Elliott, Officer Frank A. Nellis III</i>
Northern District	<i>Officer George V. Davis, Officer Keith D. Merryman, Officer Martin R. Pietrayak</i>
Northwestern District	<i>Officer Marvin L. Colson II, Officer Melissa R. Hyatt, Officer Robert L. Smith</i>
Western District	<i>Officer Michael DeJesus</i>
Southern District	<i>Sergeant Gary R. May, Officer Phillip A. Earp, Officer Helena N. Mills</i>

COMMENDATORY LETTER

Southeastern District	<i>Officer James M. Reid</i>
Eastern District	<i>Officer Mark E. Butcher</i>
Northeastern District	<i>Officer Theodore C. Anderson, Jr., Officer Louis J. Averella, Jr. Officer Freddie E. Bland, Jr., Officer Arlita A. Fields Officer Jeffrey M. Humphreys, Officer Michael L. Lewis Officer Matthew S. Logue, Officer Joseph G. McDowell</i>
Northern District	<i>Officer Brokke S. Nice, Officer David I. Thompson</i>
Northern District	<i>Officer Dante N. Hemingway</i>
Southwestern District	<i>Officer Antwann N. Davis, Sr.</i>
Southern District	<i>Officer Robert P. Brown, Officer Francis E. Ebberts, Jr. Officer Scott A. Harrold</i>

